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CENSUS BUREAU APPOINTS MANAGERS FOR 2010 CENSUS OFFICE IN HICKORY

The U.S. Census Bureau has appointed a slate of managers for a new 2010 Census office in Hickory at 1273 16th Street NE, in the Sandy Ridge Plaza. The new managers, all area residents, are:

- Edgar Burleson, local census office manager;
- Joseph Mooney, assistant manager for field operations;
- Joseph Forness, assistant manager for quality assurance;
- Mindy Hyland, assistant manager for administration;
- Wakenda Steed, assistant manager for recruiting;
- Harold Smith, assistant manager for technology.

The Hickory office supports census operations in seven counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Catawba, Iredell, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin.

Five offices opened in 2008 to carry out operations to prepare for the census in the state. They are located in Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greenville and Greensboro. The Hickory office is one of 10 new local census offices in North Carolina, bringing the total number to 15.

The managers bring a wealth of experience to the 2010 Census.

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Edgar Burleson, local census office manager, leads the Hickory office after working in the insurance industry as a senior agent, district manager, regional manager and certified trainer for pre-licensing and continuing education. Burleson had a 30-year career in the printing industry, working for Balmar Printing and Graphics in Washington, D.C. and Alphagraphics in Tuscon, Ariz., and as a partner in a printing company in Stamford, Conn. For eight years, he owned a printing company.

Joseph Mooney, assistant manager for field operations, most recently worked for Gulf Oil in Houston as a software systems manager and in merger activities. He also worked for Chevron Oil for 28 years as a project manager.

Joseph Forness, assistant manager for quality assurance, worked in the automotive industry as detail manager, fleet manager, inventory control officer and finance director.

Mindy Hyland, assistant manager for administration, has an extensive background in administration, ranging from secretarial duties to being an executive administrative assistant. She was assistant treasurer for the North Carolina and Canadian divisions of a Mooresville plastics manufacturer.

Wakenda Steed, assistant manager for recruiting, worked in early childhood education for 12 years. She also worked as a teacher's assistant for five years.

Harold Smith, assistant manager for technology, worked in the electronic manufacturing industry for 25 years. He began his career as a bench technician, moving up to department supervisor for production and maintenance and test engineer.

Census counts are used to determine the number of congressional seats for each state, the shape of legislative and local government districts, and how more than \$400 billion in federal funds is distributed annually to communities across the country.

April 1, 2010, is Census Day, the reference day for collecting census information from every household in America. Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered in mid-March. The North Carolina offices will close after census operations end in 2010.

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